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I see we do have a page set up for the Colorado mine release .

<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine>

It was a gold and silver mine. It looks like clean up was happening and being paid for by the responsible company, so it was not added to the NPL, but the company's money was running dry since 2005 and response efforts started to falter. We were out doing an investigation and trying to excavate some collapsed material at the mine entry when the release happened:

On August 5, 2015, EPA was conducting an investigation of the Gold King Mine. The intent of the investigation was to assess the on-going water releases from the mine and to treat mine water and to assess the feasibility of further mine remediation. The plan was to excavate the loose material that had collapsed into the cave entry back to the timbering. During the excavation, the loose material gave way, opening the adit (mine tunnel) and spilling the water stored behind the collapsed material into Cement Creek, a tributary of the Animas River.

The press release page gives a decent run down of what happened and the response so far:  
<http://www2.epa.gov/goldkingmine/press-releases-and-updates-gold-king-mine-response>